GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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AFFORESTATION ON COASTAL REGION OF ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar islands have submitted any project to the Union Government for coastal afforestation by conservation and management of Mangroves and other associated plants along the coastal regions of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;and

(c) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARABN MEENA)

(a) No fresh proposal has been submitted by the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to the Ministry of Environment and Forests for coastal afforestation for conservation and management of mangroves and other associated plants along the Coastal regions of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

However, the Ministry of Environment and Forests had provided financial assistance of Rs. 12.00 lakhs to Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands during 2003-04 for conservation and management of coastal areas of Andaman.

Again during 2004-05, Ministry of Environment and Forests had provided financial assistance of Rs. 7.00 lakhs to Union Territory of lMicobar for conservation and management of coastal areas which was not spent during the said period, this amount was revalidated during 2005-06.

It has also been informed by the Department of Environment and Forests, Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Administration that the conservation and protection of mangroves and other associated plants for coastal afforestation is being implemented in Andaman and Nicobar Islands through departmental schemes under Union Territory Plan and Tsunami Rehabilitation Plan (TRP).

(b) & (c) Does not arise.